



Year 4	National Curriculum	Skills	Key Questions	Suggested Learning	Vocabulary
	Objectives			Experiences	(Tier 2/3)
AUTUMN Power and Places: Ancient Sumerians Construction Make a decorative light box	Use research and develop design criteria to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that are fit for purpose, aimed at particular individuals or groups. Select from and use a wide range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks; measure, mark out, cut and shape. Apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex more complex structures. Understand and use electrical systems in their products. Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through discussion, annotated	Make labelled drawings from different views showing specific features Develop a clear idea of the process, planning how to use materials, equipment, and suggesting alternative methods of making, if the first attempts fail. Using a first attempt design and editing this to make changes depending on how different factors can change through the process of acquiring equipment and equipment available. How to use electrical systems in a safe environment.	Can you use what you have learnt about electricity to make a light up sign to represent something about Birmingham? Can your joins be done using temporary and permanent joins to help you form your product at different stages?	1). Remind children of previous learning. In Year 2, they made a model home through their construction topic. What skills were important when making those products? What did you have to do before you could begin making your product? Identify different light up signs that you would see around school/Birmingham. What are these signs illuminated for? What is their purpose? If they use different colours, what do the colours mean? Are they permanent or temporary? If they are temporary, why are they there on a temporary basis? 2). Examine light box and disassemble. Name and label the different components. How does it work? Children to draw an exploded diagram. 3). How could they fit a series circuit with 3 bulbs into a T?	Tier 2 Select Appropriate Technique Combine Generate Represent Construct Process Product alternative Tier 3 Design Component Light box Disassemble Assemble Series circuit Electricity switch Frame Translucent Transparent Opaque Design specification Design model

	sketches, cross- sectional and exploded diagrams, prototypes, pattern pieces and computer- aided design Investigate and analyse a range of existing products Evaluate their ideas and products against their own design criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work.			do with Greenholm. Design a new Greenholm school logo. 5). Revise and investigate translucent, opaque and transparent materials. Produce design specification as whole class 6). Draw a 2D diagram and label the materials and design features. Can they include a switch? 7). Draw an exploded diagram of their own light box and label the materials and design features. 8). Either learn how to construct a wooden frame for light box or using shoe box. What materials would be best to cover light box? 9). Make product. Focus on how we use tools safely and how they may need to rethink design as they are making it when thinks don't quite work. 10). Test and evaluate each other's products. Do they meet the design criteria/specification?	
SPRING	Select from a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks.	Generate ideas, considering the purposes for which they are designing.	Can you design and make a chocolate bar of your own?	1). Remind children of previous learning. In Year 3, they made a healthy pasta dish in their food topic. In Year 2, they made a pizza and	Tier 2 Appropriate Purpose Consider

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	Chocolate:	Create own recipe with		Can you weigh ingredients	looked at healthy eating in their food	Specific
	Ancient Mayans	clear steps to follow to	Make labelled drawings	accurately?	topic. What skills were important	Accurately
		make product.	from different views		when making those products? What	Existing
	Food		showing specific features	Can you write your ingredients	did you have to do before you could	appealing
	roou	Understand and apply		out as fractions of the	begin making your product?	adjust
		the principles of a	Develop a clear idea of	chocolate bar?	Explore/taste different chocolate bars	
	Design and make	healthy and varied diet.	what has to be done,		and evaluate existing products. What	
	a new chocolate		planning how to use	Can you write clear steps for	do they like/ dislike? What makes the	Tier 3
	bar and	prepare and cook a	materials, equipment and	your recipe?	bar appealing to the consumer?	Product
		variety of predominantly	processes, and suggesting		(Product/packaging) What ingredients	Equipment
	packaging	savoury dishes using a	alternative methods of	How would you persuade	do they contain? (Create tables linked	Ingredients
		range of cooking	making, if the first	people to buy your chocolate?	to statistics in Maths. Ask children in	Method
		techniques	attempts fail		same/different year groups so you	Design criteria/
					have younger and older children)	Specification
		Use research and	Evaluate their ideas and			Weigh
		develop design criteria to	products against their own		2). Look at recipe for making Tiffin.	measure
		inform the design of	design criteria and		How could they use this idea of a	Consumer
		innovative, functional,	consider the views of		refrigerator cake to make their own	Packaging
		appealing products that	others to improve their		chocolate bar?	Font
		are fit for purpose, aimed	work.			Colour
		at particular individuals			3). Model making tiffin – health and	Images
		or groups	Investigate and analyse a		safety using tools and equipment	logo
			range of existing products.		safely.	
		Generate, develop,			Make sure heating ingredients is	
		model and communicate	Know health and safety		supervised by an adult.	
		their ideas through	rules that need to follow			
		discussion, annotated	when cooking.		4). Produce design criteria for	
		sketches, cross-sectional			chocolate bar. Children draw an	
		and exploded diagrams,	Use cooking equipment		exploded diagram and label the	
		prototypes, pattern	safely.		ingredients inside the chocolate bar	
		pieces and computer-			and outside layer.	
		aided design	Measure and weigh			
			amounts accurately		5). Produce recipe (in pairs?) with	
					ingredients and method for making	
					their own tiffin.	
					6). Taste and evaluate product and	
					recipe. How does it taste? How easy	

				was the recipe to follow? Does it need adjusting or improving? 7). Look at and evaluate different packaging for chocolate bars. Why is packaging important? How do they appeal to different consumers? Come up with design criteria for what makes a good one. Think about the consumer (who is the chocolate bar aimed for/product name/ colours. 8). Design own label/wrapper for chocolate tiffin using ICT software. Think about Font, colour, logo and images used to appeal to the consumer.	
SUMMER Kings and Queens Textiles – Design and make a Tudor money pouch	Select from and use a wider range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks: for making their product - sewing/ equipment for joining materials. Measure, mark out, cut and shape a range of materials, using appropriate materials and components, including textiles, according to their functional properties and aesthetic design - make a template/pattern for design.	Make labelled drawings from different views showing specific features. Develop a clear idea of what has to be done, planning how to use materials, equipment and processes, and suggesting alternative methods of making, if the first attempts fail Sew using a range of different stitches, weave and knit (running stitch and back stitch)	Can you design and make a Tudor pouch to hold coins? It must be strong enough to hold coins and decorated with a Tudor design. Can you measure your fabric accurately? What different shapes of fabric will you use? Will you need to cut any different shapes out for your design? What is the total weight you need your pouch to hold?	1). Remind children of previous learning. In Year 2 they made a seaside blanket for a seaside picnic in their textiles topic. What skills were important when making those products? What did you have to do before you could begin making your product? Examine different pouches and purses from over time. What have they got in common? Identify and label different parts. 2). Disassemble a simple pouch/purse. Can they explain how the parts are put together? What skills will they need to be able to make the purse? 3). Practise joining fabric together using a range of techniques; stapling,	Tier 2 Disassemble assemble Techniques Effective Joining appealing Tier 3 Pouch Purse Fabric Sewing Design specification Gluing Stapling Pattern Template

Use research and	Measure, tape or pin, cut	glui	uing sewing. (Running stitch and	Design
develop design criteri	a to and join fabric with some		nckstitch) Which is the most effective	Decorative
inform the design of	accuracy.		nd why. Which would make the	
innovative, functional	,	pou	ouch the strongest and why?	
appealing products th	at How to sew and use			
are fit for purpose, air	ned needles safely.	4).	. Produce design	
at particular individua	ls	crit	iteria/specification for what would	
or groups	How to use different types	mal	ake a good Tudor pouch (in paira?).	
	of stitching, what they are	Pro	oduce plan for own pouch and	
Generate, develop,	and where they are more	ехр	plain how they are going to make it.	
model and communic	ate commonly used.	Hov	ow are they going to join the pieces?	
their ideas through		Hov	ow are they going to fasten it?	
discussion, annotated				
sketches, cross-sectio	nal	5).	. Look at how we need to make a	
and exploded diagram	ıs,	tem	mplate or pattern first and why.	
prototypes, pattern		Chi	nildren make cardboard templates	
pieces and computer-		for	r the different parts of their	
aided design		роц	ouches.	
Investigate and analys	e a		. Look at Tudor designs on pouches?	
range of existing			now how they are decorated to make	
products			em more appealing. What materials	
			eve been used to decorate them?	
Evaluate their ideas a	nd	Hov	ow could they replicate this?	
products against their				
own design criteria an	d		. Produce own design to decorate	
consider the views of			rse This can be a flat 2D design.	
others to improve the	ir	Lab	bel materials they are going to use.	
work				
		8). /	. Add design to pouch.	
		•	. Evaluate each other's pouches	
		aga	gainst design criteria/specification.	

Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the		
world.		